Case 7770

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the U.S. National Phase Entry Under 35 USC 371 from International Application of UNDERINER, Todd Laurence et al. Intl. Application No. PCT/US00/24713 Filed in the RO/US on 08 September 2000 Entitled: Enzyme Inhibitors

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.112

Assistance Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U. S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

IN THE CLAIMS

3. A compound according to Claim 1 comprising an acyl unit having the formula [Mod]-XC(O)-T wherein said unit is tied back to said T unit to form a ring comprising from 1 to 5 carbon atoms having the formula selected from the group consisting of:

i)

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 & D \\
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 & F \\
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ii)